Shortage of raw material for Paper industry

1271. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the 'Econmic Times' dated 5th February, 1992 captioned "Paper Industry faces raw material shortage";

(b) if so, whether the Paper industry in the country is facing shortage of raw material ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage of raw material for paper industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On account of National Forest Policy, the supply of forest based raw material for industrial purposes is not being encouraged. Therefore, inadequate supply of raw material is one of the problems being faced by paper industry.

(c) Import of wood pulp and waste paper has been allowed under OGL at a low rate of customs duty. Government also encourages the use of agricultural residues, bagasse and other non-conventional raw materials. Paper units based on minimum 75% pulp from these raw materials are exempt from licensing as per the new Industrial Policy.

Self-employment scheme by Department of Small Scale Industries

1272. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that self employment scheme for educated unemployed youth is being implemented by the department of small scale industries agro and rural industries;

(b) if so, the number of persons benefited from this scheme so far;

(c) if not whether this scheme is proposed to be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes Sir. The office of DC (SSI) monitors the Scheme for Self-Employment to Educated unemployed Youth (SEEUY) since 1983-84.

(b) The number of persons benefited from the scheme since inception of the programme upto 1990-91 in the form of loan sanctioned by banks has been nearly 14.28 lakhs against the target of 16.25 lakhs (i.e. 88%).

(c) and (d) Government have set up a committee on boosting employment for the educated unemployed under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. Committee's report is awaited. SEEUY Scheme may undergo modification. It is to be decided whether the SEEUY Scheme will be implemented as such or in the modified form during 1992-93 and the Eighth Five Year Plan.

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Development of infrastructural facilities by DSIDC for Computer software units

1275. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation propose to develop in-